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SUBJ: DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON US/MEXICO AGRICULTURAL  
COOPERATION

1. SCIENCE COUNSELOR AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE APPRECIATED  
OPPORTUNITY REVIEW SUBJECT MEMORANDUM IN DRAFT. PROPOSED  
COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH  
OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF US/MEXICAN AGREEMENT FOR  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. EMBASSY ASSUMES  
PROPOSAL IS BEING DISCUSSED WITH AND REVIEWED BY DEPT  
OF STATE-OES AND BY NSF.

2. FOLLOWING RECENT CHANGE IN MEXICAN ADMINISTRATION,  
NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SECRETARY GENERAL HAVE BEEN  
APPOINTED BY CONACYT. DIRGEN, WHO REPLACES GERARDO  
BUENO-ZIRION, IS DR. EDMUNDO FLORES, A SPECIALIST IN  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (PHD FROM U OF WISCONSIN) AND A  
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FAO; NEW SECGEN IS RODOLFO FIGUEROA,  
REPLACING ALEJANDRO CARRILLO-CASTRO. NEW APPOINTMENTS  
EXPECTED AT DIVISION DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
LEVELS AS WELL. FURTHERMORE, NEW SECY AND UNDER  
SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HAVE BEEN  
NAMED. NEW SECY OF AGRICULTURE IS FRANCISCO MERINO-  
RABAGO. UNDERSECY FOR AGRICULTURE IS ING. BENJAMIN  
ORTEGA-CANTERO AND UNDERSECY FOR LIVESTOCK IS DR.  
RUBEN FERNANDEZ-GOMEZ.

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3. IN VIEW OF AFOREMENTIONED NEW APPOINTMENTS, AS

WELL AS PROBABLE NEW APPOINTMENTS IN USG, EMBASSY  
SUGGESTS WAITING FOR GUIDANCE FROM NEW ADMINISTRATIONS  
IN BOTH COUNTRIES BEFORE PROCEEDING.  
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